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IMPROVEMENT IN COCONUT GARDENS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for replanting and rejuvenation in coconut gardens in traditional in Coconut growing States is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of implementation; and

(c) the funds provided/proposed to be provided for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Coconut Development Board (CDB) has submitted a project proposal on `Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens in Traditional States` for revival of coconut gardens with main emphasis on Kerala State to be implemented during XI Plan, over a period of 6-7 years. The Proposal has been reviewed by this Department in consultation with the representatives of Government of Kerala, Karnataka, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Indian Council of Agricultural Research and CDB. The Board has accordingly revised the project for in-principle approval of the Planning Commission. The scheme envisages the following main components:-

(i) Cutting and removal of old, unproductive and senile palms and replanting.
(ii) Rejuvenation of existing coconut palms by integrated management.
(iii) Production and distribution of quality seedlings.

(c): The proposal envisages the following financial pattern:-

(i) Central Assistance Rs.1358.62 Crores
(ii) Farmers contribution Rs.2524.54 Crores
(iii) Credit from financial institutions Rs.883.50 Crores

Total: Rs.4766.66 Crores.